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SUBJECT: ZAIRE SITREP

1. FOLLOWING IS FOR GENERAL BACKGROUND AND USE AS APPROPRIATE AND WITH UTMOST DISCRETION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS.
2. TACTICAL SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE WITH KATANGANS ADVANCING TOWARDS KOLWEZI, CONTINUING REPORTS OF

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POOR PERFORMANCE BY ZAIRIAN TROOPS, AND ONLY UNIMPRESSIVE PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR DEFENSE OF KOLWEZI. A NUMBER OF REPORTS ATTEST TO LOW MORALE, CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY OF ZAIRIAN MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES IN SHABA. MOBUTU HAS MADE COMMAND CHANGES IN EFFORT TO BOLSTER ARMY PERFORMANCE.

3. NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC EFFORT: FONAFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA WILL ARRIVE KINSHASA MARCH 30. ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR LAGOS WAS INFORMED BY NIGERIAN FONOFFICE THAT GARBA'S VISIT MAY INVOLVE SHUTTLE OPERATION LUANDA-KINSHASA IN PURSUIT MEDIATION EFFORT.

4. ITALIAN SPARE PARTS FOR MACCHI JETS: WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT ZAIRIANS HAVE PAID LONG-STANDING BILL (OVER \$750,000) FOR MACCHI JET AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS, AND PLACED

AN ADDITIONAL 1.5 MILLION DOLLAR SPARES ORDER. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THE ITALIANS WILL SEND TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE TEAM TO ZAIRE AS SUGGESTED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

5. AMCIT EVACUATION: MORRISSON-KNUDSEN EVACUATED 43 AMCITS FROM KOLWEZI TODAY. OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS BEGINNING TO LEAVE. THERE ARE NO PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN KOLWEZI.
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